

# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Nevada is home to more than half of the nation's wild horse population; and

**WHEREAS**, Wild horses and burros are living symbols of our American western heritage as represented by the depiction of wild horses on the Nevada state quarter; and

**WHEREAS**, The Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 covers the management, protection and study of feral horses and burros on federal land; and

**WHEREAS**, Portions of Washoe, Storey and Lyon counties include habitat for wild horse populations outside of the jurisdiction and protection of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 and under the responsibility of the State of Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, Wild horses and burros are a cultural asset and have the potential to promote tourism and job creation in Nevada; and,

**WHEREAS**, Residents within Washoe County are passionate about the management, protection and preservation of the wild horse population; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washoe County Board of Commissioners supports the development of an interlocal agreement between county and state partners to address issues related to the management and protection of wild horse and burro populations not protected by federal law.

**ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

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David Humke, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

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